

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**JUNE 3, 2003**

**FROM: EDOUARD P. LAYAYE**, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer  
Department of Agriculture/Weights and Measures

**SUBJECT: ORANGE INSPECTION AGREEMENT  
STATE AGREEMENT NO. 03-0018**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve agreement with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) (State Agreement No. 03-0018) providing for the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer to inspect Navel and Valencia oranges at packing facilities from July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004, for compensation in the amount of \$16,912.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In 1994, the State, at the request of the citrus industry, instituted a fee on packers of Navel and Valencia oranges. The purpose of the fee was to fund inspections by county agricultural commissioners of orange maturity and quality standards. The majority of inspection service specified in this agreement is required only in years when the orange crop has been damaged by freezing weather, so the department rarely receives the full amount of reimbursement specified in the agreement. From 1994 through 2003, the State reimbursed counties for these services under the terms of a memorandum of understanding. The State now desires to issue contracts to the counties instead of relying on a memorandum.

Approval of this agreement will authorize the Agricultural Commissioner to continue providing the inspection services desired by the CDFA and be reimbursed for these services. These inspections can be accomplished using existing staff.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by the Office of the County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel) on May 19, 2003, and reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Wayne F. Thies, Administrative Analyst) on May 27, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Revenue resulting from this agreement in the amount of \$2,000 has been included in the Department's proposed budget for FY 2003/04. Although the maximum reimbursement amount is \$16,913, the Department anticipates approximately \$2,000 in reimbursement based upon historical trends. In the event a major freeze occurs during the contract period, inspection activities will increase with a corresponding increase in reimbursement up to the maximum amount.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the department's proposal and recommends this action on the basis of continuing these fully reimbursed inspection services to the State.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All

**PRESENTER:** Edouard P. Layaye, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, 387-2115

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